



Rugby Europe Member Unions

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Subject: COVID-19

Dear Member Unions,

In view of the many questions and fears raised by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) spread in Europe, please note that Rugby Europe is monitoring the situation on a daily basis. We as the governing body for rugby in Europe, are following very closely the recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO), World Rugby (WR), the French State from which we are depending as a registered association in France and European National Governments. We will obviously follow the relevant authorities' guidelines and comply with any supra-national bodies' decisions.

As you can imagine, there is a huge disparity in each of the European Unions' status, and the situation is constantly evolving. **Therefore, please make sure you notify Rugby Europe of any restrictive measure entering into force in your country that could impact one of the Rugby Europe events as soon as possible. This also applies to any restriction affecting the travel of your teams or the officials designated for a Rugby Europe game or tournament.**

As of today, the Rugby Europe competitions are happening as scheduled with some additional health and safety measures detailed below. Should the situation evolve we will let you know immediately.

In brief:

1- unless we are aware of a national or supra national recommendation against a RE event being held, we will maintain our planned games/tournaments as they are, and are putting in place some basic protective measures against this virus:

- wash your hands frequently
- do not use escort kids during game protocol and team's entrance
- do not use mixed press zones
- avoid handshakes and kisses

2-in case of national restriction please inform us as soon as they are made public to enable Rugby Europe to reach an informed decision (play the match without spectators or else).

3-in case of complete prohibition to maintain a game Rugby Europe will make a decision on a case-by-case basis, considering all facts and circumstances.

Best regards.

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